**NOMINATION FOR IAS FELLOWSHIP 2025/26**  
**in conjunction with an IAS Major Project Application**

Nominations at this stage can be made in relation to the 2025/26 IAS major project submission. The deadline for nomination ismidday GMT Thursday 21 March 2024.

Two Fellow nominations can be made and are guaranteed – if they meet the threshold criteria for an IAS Fellowship.

The IAS recommends that prior to completing the Nomination Form in conjunction with these guidelines, that the Durham Nominator also review the Fellowship Further Particulars ([202526-IAS-Fellowship-Nomination-Further-Particulars.pdf (dur.ac.uk).](https://www.dur.ac.uk/media/durham-university/research-/research-institutes/institute-of-advanced-study/resources/2025x2f26-mp-and-fellowship-call/202526-IAS-Fellowship-Nomination-Further-Particulars.pdf)

The coordination necessary to bring visiting Fellows to Durham requires that Nominators ascertain and confirm whether their nominees would be willing and able to come to, and reside in, Durham for the **full Fellowship period,** should the nomination be successful. Written confirmation, via the Confirmation Form, must therefore accompany the nomination. It must be made clear to potential nominees that there is no guarantee that a Fellowship offer will be made. However, if a nomination is successful, changes cannot be made to Fellowship timings, once a Fellowship is awarded, for example Fellowships cannot be hosted outside of Michaelmas or Epiphany terms. **If the nomination is not successful, it will be the nominator's responsibility to inform the nominee of the outcome.**

Nominations will be evaluated in accord with the IAS’s established criteria for Fellowships: i.e., the proposed Fellows should be international, world-leading researchers (or practitioners, such as writers, artists, policy makers etc.). They must have a well-established or strongly emerging international reputation; they must have made major contributions to their field and a substantial publication record (or equivalent achievements); and they must be able to provide substantial evidence of research leadership and/or public impact. They are expected to have played a significant role in shaping their discipline or field through their outputs, achievements and indicators of esteem. In addition, the IAS Fellowship criteria now articulate more explicitly the value of Fellows having direct experience in interdisciplinary activities.

IAS Fellowships are not available to undergraduate or postgraduate students. A completed PhD with five years’ post-doctoral experience is the **minimum requirement** for Fellows undertaking a traditional academic trajectory, or they must have an equivalent level of experience and track record in other areas. Previous recipients of an IAS Fellowship are not eligible for a further Fellowship.

IAS Fellowship nominees must be able to spend ten weeks in Durham as part of the Fellowship, and are expected to arrive in Durham in time for the start of the Fellowship.

The criteria for selection of Fellows is provided below. Please give particular consideration to these criteria when completing this Form.

1. International standing and contribution of the candidate to his/her field, as appropriate to the career stage of the candidate. (40%)
2. Quality of proposal for research activities during the IAS Fellowship, and relevance to IAS projects in 2025/26. (30%)
3. How will Fellows engage outside their home discipline whilst in Durham. (30%)

In accord with the IAS’s remit to build international collaborations, priority will be given to nominations and applications from outside the UK.

The IAS will cover the costs associated with IAS Fellows travelling to Durham from their home institution (one return fare – economy class), and will provide all Fellows with an honorarium (£3,000 for a full ten week Fellowship), living accommodation (suitable for a couple) in a Durham College, and College meals for the Fellow as part of the terms and conditions of the Fellowship.

Teaching buyout for visiting IAS Fellows who are employed by other **universities can only be requested in exceptional circumstances** (for example for Fellows from less advantaged global areas, or from academics whose institutions do not make such provision for research leave/study leave are eligible to *apply* for teaching buy-out costs of up to £8,000 (for the ten week period). Fellows from Universities who provide study/research leave are expected to make use of this to take up an IAS Fellowship, and will not be provided with buyout.Similarly, practitioners who will experience a loss of income as a result of accepting an IAS Fellowship are eligible to apply for a contribution towards their salary/earnings of the same amount (up to £8,000).

Decisions regarding individual nominees will be relayed to their project applicant after the evaluation period in April 2024. Only those individuals whose nominations are successful will be contacted by the IAS with an invitation. The invitation to accept the offer of an IAS Fellowship will be subject to confirmation of the terms and conditions of the Fellowship.  
  
As well as providing an assessment of the proposed Fellow in the Nomination Form below, nominators must seek **two suitable external references** **for each nomination** (i.e., references **external to the nominees’ own institution and external to Durham University)**. T**he nomination does not count as a reference**. For the nomination to be considered, these references must be on letterhead, and included with the Fellowship nomination by **GMT midday 21 March 2024.**The IAS **will not request references, or follow up if these are not submitted by the relevant deadline**.

References should consider the nominees standing in their particular field; their track record in terms of publications and other achievements; the quality of their research; the level of international recognition that their work has achieved; the degree to which the nominee would contribute to the proposed research project or collaboration envisaged; and the benefit the nominee would bring to the project and/or Durham.

The IAS is committed to the goals of diversity and equal opportunities, and particularly encourages nomination of and applications from scholars from under-represented groups.

The deadline for submitting Fellowship nominations (with full supporting documentation) is **GMT midday 21 March 2024**. Any nomination that does not have all the required information will not be considered.  
  
If you have any questions in relation to the process, please contact the Institute Manager at [ias.manager@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ias.manager@durham.ac.uk).

**To be completed by project applicants (PIs)**

**To be completed by Nominator (Durham academic)**

**1. Name and title of proposed Fellow:**

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**2.** **Home Institution, Department and email of nominee:**

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**3.** **Please indicate (if applicable) the year of PhD award and institution:**

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**4. Proposed Fellowship Period (Michaelmas Term 2025 or Epiphany Term 2026)**

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**5. Please indicate if the nominee will be accompanied by a spouse or partner, and/or if they have dependent children (under 18) who will accompany them for the full duration of the Fellowship:**

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**6. Name of Project nominating the Fellow:**

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**7. Curriculum Vitae of proposed Fellow: Attached**  *CVs should be a maximum of 4 pages and should include education and employment history, relevant recent publications, relevant grant income, notable achievements, indicators of esteem, and relevant experience working on large scale projects and/or across disciplines.*

**8. Please provide details of how this Fellow will contribute and add value to the research project (200 words):**

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**9. Please outline how you expect the Fellow to work outside their home discipline and engage beyond the Major Project during their time in Durham (400 words).**   
*It is important that the Fellow acts as part of the IAS in engaging broadly across Durham, not only on the Major Project. Please identify expected connections with named individuals, departments, centres or URIs and how these connections might be made during the Fellowship term.*

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**10. Please confirm that you include two external references with this Nomination Form. Please note the IAS will not make any request for material not received by the deadline:   
  
Reference 1 attached**

**Reference 2 attached**

**Confirmation attached from proposed Fellow of acceptance, if awarded**

**Please submit to the IAS Manager’s attention via** [**ias.manager@durham.ac.uk**](mailto:ias.manager@durham.ac.uk) **with all supporting documentation by: midday 21 March 2024.**